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1. INDOCHINA

ADMIN OFFICIALS ADMIT US FIGHTER-BOMBER HIT COMMUNIST
MISSILE SITE NEAR SAIGON APRIL 29 DURING EVACUATION,
BUT DENY LAT REPORT FROM HK THAT WERE HEAVY BOMBING
RAIDS AT TIME (NYT, ALSO IN SUN).
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NVN NATL ASSY URGES HANOI BE MADE CAPITAL OF ALL VN
(AP NYT, PHINQ; WSJ; SUN; WP). PRG HAS EXPRESSED
LESS INTEREST IN REUNIFICATION THAN DRV (WSJ) BUT
APPARENT HANOI IS REAL POWER IN SAIGON (SUN) AND NVN

LEADERS FAR MORE VOCAL IN PUSHING FOR UNIFICATION THAN PRG (WP).

NVN REDUCED MEMBERS OF NATL ASSY STANDING COMMITTEE FROM 17 TO 11; SENIOR MEMBERS REMAIN SAME, XUAN THUY ADDED, MAJOR SHAKEUP WAS REDUCTION OF JUNIOR MEMBERS (WP).

VIET COMMUNISTS SAY READY LET BYGONES BE BYGONES ONCE RTG RIDS ITSELF OF US INFLUENCE (CSM).

NYT, NYDN CARRY AP WIREPHOTO OF PUBLIC EXECUTION OF THIEF IN SAIGON. WP'S FENTON AT SAIGON DESCRIBES EVENTS IN SAIGON, INCLUDING RECONVERSION OF NATL ASSY BLDG TO OPERA HOUSE, JOVIAL RECEPTION AT INDEPENDENCE PALACE TO MARK PRG FOUNDING, PRG CABINET MEETING TO DISCUSS ECON PROBLEMS. NOTES PRICE OF RICE DOWN SLIGHTLY, BANKS DUE REOPEN IN FEW DAYS, LIGHT INDUSTRY REVIVING. SAYS MOST FOREIGNERS PREPARING LEAVE. NYT REPORTS FIRST BANGKOK-SAIGON FLIGHT SINCE MID-APR; ICRC-CHARTERED PLANE CARRIED POWDERED MILK.

CAMBODIA BANS ALL USE OF FOREIGN LANGUAGES, PROMOTES KHMER FOLK MUSIC, TRADITIONAL SKILLS SUCH AS WEAVING (WSJ). ANNOUNCEMENT IN KEEPING WITH NEW REGIME'S EMPHASIS ON AGRICULTURALLY-ORIENTED SOCIETY FREE FROM ALL OUTSIDE INFLUENCE, ESPECIALLY WESTERN (PHINQ; SUN; WP). WP'S BECKER REPORTS LON NON INVESTED LARGE SUMS IN SILVER SPRING, MD, WHILE RESIDENT IN AREA. QUOTES HIS WIFE, OTHERS THAT HE BROUGHT HUNDRES OF THOUSANDS OF DOLS INTO US, THOUGH EARNED EQUIVALENT ABOUT 200 DOLS MONTHLY.

VIENTIANE ENGULFED BY FRIGHTENING RUMORS, MOSTLY BASELESS. EVERYONE SEEMS WORRIED ABOUT FUTURE. MIL MEN HAVE HAD TO SIGN CONFESSIONS OF SINS, RIGHT-WING CONTACTS. US PRESENCE TO BE REDUCED TO HANDFUL UNCLASSIFIED

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BY MONTH'S END (SUN). FEAR GRIPS CAPITAL AS PL GETS MORE POWER, BUT CHANGES EXPECTED TAKE PLACE PEACEFULLY. BIG QUESTION IS WHETHER US WILL CUT ALL AID. LAOTIAN GOVT OFFICIALS FANNING OUT TO PEKING, HANOI, BANGKOK SEEKING NEW SOURCES HELP. GOVT ACTIONS PART OF PLAN TO TURN COUNTRY INTO NATIONALIST STATE THAT WILL BE TAKEN SERIOUSLY (ANDELMAN, NYT).

PL PROPOSES LOOSER LAWS REGULATING CULTIVATION, MARKETING OF OPIUM. RELAXATION COULD WIN FRIENDS AMONG TIRBESMEN, BRING GOVT ADDITIONAL INCOME. MOVE WORRIES US OFFICIALS, THREATENS BLOCK 2-MONTH-OLD UN PROGRAM DISCOURAGE OPIUM CULTIVATION (NYT).

GLOBE'S BEECHER (6/6) SAYS MYSTERIOUS SOS SIGNALS FROM NEAR TANG ISLAND GAVE RISE TO HOPE FOR TIME THAT 3 MIA MARINES FROM MAYAGUEZ OPERATION STILL ALIVE. DOD OFFICIALS BELIEVE 3 ARE DEAD, BUT DO NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY THAT 1 OR MORE MAY HAVE "HOLED UP IN THE JUNGLE." DIPLOMATIC EFFORTS UNDERWAY TO DETERMINE FACTS.

WP'S OBERDORFER DESCRIBES COMFORTABLE SECLUSION THAT THIEU LIVES IN ON TAIWAN. AARONS (WP) TELLS OF CLOISTERED, UNREAL EXISTENCE LED BY REFUGEES IN PENDLETON THAT DOES NOT PREPARE THEM FOR SHOCK OF ENTRY INTO US LIFE, ACCORDING PSYCHOLOGISTS. RICHARDS (WP) FINDS REFUGEES AT CHAFFEE INCREASINGLY RELUCATANT LEAVE. SHAFFER (WP) TELLS OF SVN'S FIRST WOMAN DIPLOMAT WHO SEEKS FUTURE AFTER DECADE IN US.

MOST PAPERS FEATURE KENNEDY SUBCMTE REPORT THAT FINDS VIET RESETTLEMENT PROGRAM "SHAMBLES," AND AT CURRENT RATE MAY TAKE OVER YR TO EMPTY CAMPS. SOME PAPERS CARRY HUMAN-INTEREST STORIES OF INDIVIDUAL REFUGEES WHO ARE SETTLING DOWN. NYT (MALCOLM) REPORTS WASH STATE GOV AIDS RESETTLEMENT EFFORT.

2. CHINA

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EN-LAI MEETING AT PEKING HOSPITAL 6/7; WP ALSO CARRIES AP PHOTO MARCOS/MAO MEETING SAME DAY. MARCOS SCHEDULED MEET WITH OTHER CHINESE LEADERS, BUT OFFICIALS DECLINE REVEAL TALKS' NATURE; SPECULATION CENTERS ON TRADE, ESTABLISHMENT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS (REUTERS, NYT).

FORD ADMIN CONTINUES DEBATE TAIWAN QUESTION. MIL ADVISORS SEE ISLAND AS IMPORTANT PART DEFENSIVE CHAIN INCLUDING PHIL, JAPAN, SK; POL ADVISORS DESIRE CONTINUED WITHDRAWAL UNTIL US PRESENCE ON TAIWAN ELIMINATED, IN HOPES INCREASING CHANCES FOR FULL DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH PRC NEXT YR (SCHMIDT, CSM; IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S GWERTZMAN (6/7) REPORTS LAST TAIWAN-BASED COMBAT AIRCRAFT WITHDRAWN, WITH PLANS CUT REMAINING US MIL FORCE THERE 30 PCT. PHASE-OUT CONFORMS WITH NIXON'S PLEDGE TO PEKING MADE DURING FEB. 1972 VISIT.

WSTAR'S HENRY BRADSHAW (6/7) INTERVIEWS PENG MING-MIN, LEADER FORMOSAN SELF-DETERMINATION GROUP SEEKING INDEPENDENCE FROM BOTH PEKING AND NAT'LIST GOVT. PENG BELIEVES FORMOSANS WANT INDEPENDENCE; ASKS FREE

ELECTIONS TO DEMONSTRATE THEIR DESIRE. STATES TAIWAN
FUTURE "NOT THE BUSINESS OF PEKING AND WASHINGTON."

3. THAILAND

IN BANGKOK THAI AMB TO US SAID RELATIONS WITH US COULD
BECOME CLOSER IF "MAJOR OBSTACLE" OF AMERICAN MIL
PRESENCE ELIMINATED (AP WSJ, PHINQ; WP). STATED US
MUST TAKE INTO ACCOUNT NEW CIRCUMSTANCES IN THAILAND,
WITH CIVILIAN RULE NOW, AS WELL AS CHANGES IN REGION
(AP, SUN).

4. MICRONESIA

UN RECOMMENDS US END TRUSTEESHIP SOONER THAN 5-6
YRS ANNOUNCED.

5. JAPAN
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CULLISON (JOC INTL BANKING SPECIAL 6/9) DESCRIBES
AGGRESSIVE INTL OPERATIONS OF JAPAN'S COMMERCIAL
BANKS, WHICH HAVE OPENED 61 OVERSEAS BRANCHES
SINCE WINNING LONG, BITTER BATTLE FOR PERMISSION
DO SO FROM MOF TWENTY YEARS AGO.

FIRST SHIPMENT FLUORSPAR SENT TO JAPAN FROM KENYA
IN DEAL SUPPLY STEEL INDUSTRY WITH 40,000 TONS
THIS MINERAL ANNUALLY OVER NEXT THREE YEARS (AP,
NYT).

GOJ SOURCES SAY MONDAY PRIVATE TRADE MISSION PLANS
SPEND WEEK IN ARGENTINA, PARAGUAY, LATER
THIS MONTH, TO IMPROVE RELATIONS THROUGH TRADE (AFP,
WP).

JAPAN'S AUTO EXPORTS ROSE TO 203,103 UNITS IN APRIL,
8.5 PERCENT OVER MARCH, ACCORDING JAPAN AUTO MFRS
ASSN MONDAY. US LARGEST IMPORTER, WITH 57,101 UNITS
(UPI, JOC).

DAIWA SECURITIES ANNOUNCED THURSDAY IN TOKYO WOULD LEAD
EIGHT JAPANESE, OTHER FINANCIAL GROUPS OFFERING
12 MILLION DOL BOND ISSUE FOR SINGAPORE'S KEPPEL
SHIPYARD; SEVEN YRS, 9.5 PERCENT, GUARANTEED BY GOS.
FIRST OFFERING IN ASIA TO RECYCLE OIL FUNDS BACK TO
IMPORTERS (JOC, TOKYO).

6. AUSTRALIA

CABINET SHIFT BY PM WHITLAM CAUSES DISSENTION, ILL
FEELINGS WITHIN GOVERNING LABOR PARTY. LIBERAL

PARTY READY CAPITALIZE ON OPPOSITION'S LEADERSHIP
PROBLEMS IN CONTEST FOR TASMANIAN SEAT, HOPING
REDUCE LABOR'S MARGIN IN HOUSE (NYT).

GOA HAS "REASON TO BELIEVE" FRANCE CONDUCTED
UNDERGROUND A-TEST ON FANGATAUFA ATOLL 6/6.
PM WHITLAM REITERATES AUSSIE OPPOSITION ALL
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NUCLEAR TESTING; FRENCH OFFICIALS NEITHER CONFIRM,
DENY REPORT (WP, PHINQ).

7. PAPUA NEW GUINEA

AUSTRALIA ENCOURAGES P-NG INDEPENDENCE THIS SEPT.
QUESTIONS CONCERNING CITIZENSHIP RIGHTS, PROVINCIAL
GOVT RULE, COMMONWEALTH MEMBERSHIP STILL TO BE
ANSWERED BEFORE PLANS FINALIZED (MILLAR, CSM).

8. BURMA

UPI REPORTS 3,000 BURMESE STUDENTS, PROTESTING
HIGH LIVING COSTS, BURN EFFIGIES PRES NE WIN. ALSO
DEMAND RELEASE STUDENTS JAILED BY GOVT (NYT).

9. PHILIPPINES

400 REBELS SURRENDER ON SULU ISLAND, LARGEST MASS
SURRENDER SINCE 1973 (WP).

GOP INVESTIGATORS BELIEVE LAST WEEK'S IN-FLIGHT
EXPLOSION ON PHIL AIR LINES CAUSED BY GRENADE (WP).

10. INDONESIA

INDONESIA RECEIVES 425 MIL DOL LOAN FROM US, W EUR,
CAN, AUSSIE BANKS. GROUP JAPANESE BANKS TO LEND
INDONESIA 150 MIL DOL IN DEAL NEXT MON (AP, WSJ).

MARITIME ADMIN ALLOWS INDONESIAN FLAG VESSELS TO
HAUL UP TO ONE-HALF CARGOES GENERATED FROM EX-IM CREDITS
OF NEARLY 100 MIL DOLS (JOC).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

11. INDOCHINA

LAOS FEELS USG'S EDGINESS; MANY OBSERVERS EXPECT CONGRESS
VOTE AGAINST CONTINUED AID AND AMERICANS LIKELY BECOME
UNWELCOME. REVOLUTION SO FAR HAS HAD LITTLE EFFECT ON
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MOST LAOTIANS, THOUGH HAS HUMILIATED AMERICANS, TOPPLED RIGHTISTS. BASIC EXPLANATION IS THAT US DECIDED LET LAOS GO TO PL, SO PRESSURED SOUVANNA INTO SIGNING C-F (SIMONS, WP-IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

NYT'S ANDELMAN ASKS WHY US STAYS IN LAOS, QUOTES SENIOR DIPLOMAT THAT BETTER TO HAVE SMALL LISTENING POST THAN BREAK OFF AND LOSE COMMUNICATION AS WE DID IN PEKING. OPINES STRUGGLE BREWING BETWEEN USSR, PRC, DRV FOR FAVORS OF LAOTIAN GOVT AND THESE COUNTRIES APPARENTLY WANT US STAY AS COUNTERWEIGHT IN AREA.

WSTAR'S BRADSHER (6/7) SEES HANOI BEING SELECTIVE ON C-F PROVISIONS THAT IT WANTS LIVED UP TO, INSISTS US PROVIDE ECON RECONSTRUCTION AID. SAYS UNDER PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES US WON'T SERIOUSLY CONSIDER MOVING TOWARD RELATIONS SINCE NVN NOT CONSIDERED SHOWING SERIOUS INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING FORMAL TIES.

12. KOREA

GLOBE'S SNOW (6/6) DESCRIBES XENOPHOBIC KOREAN WHO HAS NEVER SET FOOT IN US -- KIM IL-SUNG -- AS ONE OF MOST INFLUENTIAL FIGURES IN WASHINGTON TODAY. IS IRRATIONAL THREAT, UNPREDICTABLE CHALLENGE AGAINST WHICH USG LEADERS ARE TILTING IN MOST PESSIMISTIC MOMENTS. FINDS BIG POWERS VARIOUSLY APPREHENSIVE ABOUT ATMOSPHERE, PROSPECTS AND COMMITMENTS IN KOREA, SINCE NVIETS HAVE SHOWN HOW MUCH A SINGLE-MINDED SATELLITE CAN EXTRACT FROM SPONSORS.

NYT'S HALLORAN (6/7) FINDS MAJOR TOPIC IS ECONOMY, NOT WAR IN PUSAN, WHERE CONCERNS DIFFER FROM THOSE IN HIGHLY-CHARGED ATMOSPHERE OF SEOUL. UNDER IMPACT OF 1973 OIL CRISIS, CONTINUING INFLATION, 120 SMALL PLANTS HAVE CLOSED IN PAST YEAR.

NYT EDIT VOICES CONCERN THAT WORLD STANDS ON BRINK OF MAJOR BREAKDOWN IN LONG NON-PROLIFERATION STRUGGLE. IRONICALLY PERIL COMES ON HEELS OF 65-NATION NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE, AS FRG COMPLETED SECRET NEGOTIATIONS WITH

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BRAZIL, AND FRANCE WITH ROK, PAKISTAN FOR MULTI-BILLION DOL SALES OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY THAT WOULD ENABLE RECIPIENTS TO SEPARATE WEAPONS-GRADE PLUTONIUM FROM SPENT FUEL THAT COULD PRODUCE NUKES (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

SUN BELIEVES KOREA NOT COMPARABLE WITH VIETNAM

MILITARILY, POLITICALLY, DIPLOMATICALLY. VIEWS ONLY
US POLICY CHOICE ADVOCATED BY SEN MANSFIELD --
NEGOTIATIONS WITH SOVIET, CHINA, JAPAN, EXCHANGING
REMOVAL US GARRISON IN SK FOR GUARANTEES SECURITY
IN BOTH KOREAS.

IN NYT LETTER, FORMER SEOUL NAT'L UNIV PRES SAYS PARK'S
REGIME RESEMBLES KIM IL-SUNG GOVT IN NK. STATES
PARK'S "OMINOUS CENTRALISM" PLAYS INTO THE HANDS OF
KIM IL-SUNG.

NYT'S HALLORAN IN SEOUL SAYS PAYOFFS, BRIBES, EMBEZZLEMENT
APPEAR WAY OF LIFE IN SK. HOWEVER, NOTES GULF OIL
CASE, WIDELY PUBLICIZED IN US, MUTED BY SK GOVT. CITES
SEVERAL EXAMPLES CORRUPTION AT ALL BUREAUCRATIC
LEVELS.

13. PHILIPPINES

SUN ADVISES US BALANCES SOMETIMES-CONFLICTING GOALS
IN PHIL: KEEPS LAST BIG US BASES IN SEA OPEN,
CONTRIBUTES TO PHIL INTERNAL STABILITY, AVOID PERSONAL
COMMITMENTS TO MARCOS, SERVES LARGE US INVESTMENTS THERE
(IN USIA WIRELESS FILE).

14. GENERAL

WSJ EXAMINES SIMILARITY BETWEEN PEKING MORALITY AND
RECENT CRACKDOWN IN SAIGON AGAINST "BOURGEOIS INFLUENCES."
STATES AMERICANS MARVEL AT LACK OF NVN BLOODBATH
IN SVN, YET DO NOT REALIZE "TOTALITARIAN SHACKLES
BEING CLAMPED ON THAT COUNTRY." KISSINGER

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